



Menomonee Falls Recreation Department

# Camera Club Newsletter

September 2003

Volume #281  
Our 28th Year

*People with an Interest in the Art of Photography*

Meetings held the First Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 pm, Room 106  
at the Menomonee Falls Community Center, Phone 262-255-8460

**The next meeting will be: Tuesday, September 2nd, at  
7:00pm.**

Welcome back from the summer break. We hope you all had lots of chances to get out and exercise your photographic skills.

And a special welcome to any new members. We hope you enjoy your time with our club. Please feel free to contact any current member if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help each other.

Your board members and officers have planned a great year. See the schedule inside.

For our first meeting this

season, we will be selecting our club's 7 slides to enter in the PSA Region 21 Showcase contest. Between 12 and 14 camera clubs in Wisconsin each select 7 slides from different makers and all of the clubs then get to vote on all of the slides. Our club will be voting at our December meeting.

**So search through your slides and bring up to 4 that you would like to enter in our club's selection process.** The club members will be viewing and voting on these slides at our September meeting.

Also please bring a pen or pencil and a small flash-

light so that you can see your scorecard.

After we have completed the vote, a few of your officers will be tallying the votes while the rest of the club will view the International Salon Slide Program. This is always an outstanding slide show.



Refreshments for this meeting:

- Sandy Berg—salty
- Carole Bailey—sweet
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### Congratulations to ...

*Don Gorzek, the Grand-prize winner in the 2003 Milwaukee Journal sentinel Snapshot Contest with his black & white photo of a man (himself) in a cracked mirror. This is the second year in a row that Don has been the Grand prize winner in this contest. In case you missed it in the Journal, a color copy is in our library exhibit.*

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In our September meeting, we will be reviewing some potential topics. Just to get your mind working, here are some of the topics our members listed in our evaluation from last year:

- How to handle different lighting conditions.



- How to photograph in different weather conditions.
- Discussion and/or demonstration of camera accessories and equipment.

- Flash photography.
- Digital photography and equipment; more examples of photo-shop.
- What to look for when purchasing a digital camera for the first time.
- Landscape photography.

So start thinking about the types of things you would like to discuss at this October roundtable and bring them up at our September meeting.

## The Year at a Glance

Your club board members and officers have set up the following schedule for meetings for the next year. We may need to make some changes as the year goes on, depending on speaker availability and other opportunities that may arise.

Oct 7, 2003: Round table discussions. Topics will be announced at the September meeting.

Nov 1, 2003: Saturday WACCO day-long seminar with Andre Gallant.

Nov 2, 2003: Sunday WACCO Fall Competition at UW-Waukesha.

Nov 4, 2003: Holiday photo tips and critique of member images.

Dec 2, 2003: PSA Region 21 Showcase Judging, followed by our annual Holiday Festivities

Jan 6, 2004: Tabletop Photo Workshop. Set ups and planning by Don Gorzek. Bring your camera and tripod for this one.

Feb 3, 2004: Outside guest speaker. Speaker and topic to be announced later.

Mar 2, 2004: 2nd Annual Member Slide Show composed of slides members submit by the Feb 3th meeting. Topic is "WEATHER". (This is also the Special General Slide Category for the WACCO Spring 2004 competition.) Start collecting your slides now for this all-member slide show. We will also be viewing a special Oregon slide show from Nancy Greifenhagen titled "On the Ranch".

Apr 6, 2004: How to work with models—bring your camera and tripod. Also a discussion on trademarks and model releases.

May 4, 2004: Model Shoot at Klugs

Photo World.

Jun 1, 2004: Election of Club officers for the 2004—2005 season. Plus our 5th Annual River Walk "Rainout".

Jul 6, 2004: Print selection for the Library Exhibit and our yearly end-of-year Ice-Cream social

We have not yet scheduled any field-trips. We will be discussing options at our September meeting and will then set up at least one for this fall.

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have let go.

## Of Photographic Interest?

Here is a sample of the many events that will take place in our area during the next month or so. Perhaps you may find some photographic opportunities at one or more of these events.

Sept 1: Cedarburg Maxwell Street Day. Antiques, collectibles, crafters, produce & rummage. Downtown. (1-800-237-2874)

Sept 5-6: Jefferson Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. Includes a border collie show, sheep shearing, spinning and weaving demonstration. (1-608-868-2505)

Sept 5-6: Milwaukee Indian Summer Festival at Henry Maier Festival Park.

Sept 5-6: Waukesha Wisconsin Highland Games & Celtic Fling. Scottish games, musical competition, Highland Dancers. Expo Center (1-414-258-5397)

Sept 6: Kenosha Walk in the Woods Art Fair. Hawthorn Hollow Nature

Sanctuary & Arboretum. (1-262-552-8196)

Sept 6-7: Beloit Heritage Days. Tours of historic neighborhoods, buildings, cemetery and museums. (1-800-423-5648)

Sept 6-7: Prairie du Chien Villa Louis Carriage Classic. Magnificent horses, restored carriages, competitive sport driving. (1-608-326-2721)

Sept 14: Hilbert All Scale Fly-in. Radio-controlled miniature airplanes. (1-920-894-3713)

Sept 20: Lakewood North American Lumberjack Championships. Paul Bunyan Ski Hill (1-715-276-6500)

Sept 20: Milwaukee River Challenge. 400 top club and university rowing teams race through Downtown on the Milwaukee River. (1-414-297-9855)

Sept 20: Mecedah Whooping Crane

Festival. Annual Fall Flight of the Necedah Whooping Cranes. Bus tours of the refuge. (1-608-565-2101)

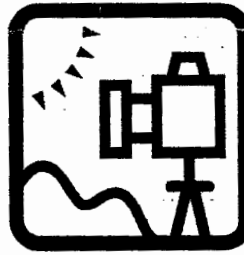
Sept 20-21: Green Bay Renaissance Herb Fair. Herbal demonstrations, open air market, etc. Green Bay Botanical Garden (1-920-490-9457)

Sept 21: Beloit Autorama. Car show, swap meet, arts & crafts. (1-608-365-6671)

Sept 21: Sheboygan Classic Car Show. Antique and collector cars and trucks, sponsored by the Kettle Moraine Corvette Club. (1-920-467-2833)

Sept 26-28: Janesville Airfest. Air show featuring the USAF Thunderbirds. (1-608-373-0904)

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## WACCO / PSA News

WACCO (Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization) is comprised of 17 Camera Clubs throughout Wisconsin. They hold two state-wide competitions a year. Jeff Klug and Bill Reitz are our WACCO representatives.

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Nature Slide: Fungi/Mushroom

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See the "Pot Luck" column for more information on WACCO competition categories.

WACCO is hosting a day-long seminar at UW-Waukesha on Saturday, November 1, 2003. The guest speaker is Andre Gallant, an internationally recognized travel photographer, teacher, and writer.

PSA (Photographic Society of America) is an organization of individuals, camera clubs, and businesses. Our club is a member; Bill Rietz is our contact. PSA's web site for news and information on events is:

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PSA publishes a monthly photographer's magazine titled PSA Journal. The cost of an individual membership, which includes the magazine, is \$45/year. Let Bill know if you'd be interested in joining. He can provide you with information about PSA and a membership application.

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Please pay Sandy Berg at one of our meetings.

Remember to bring your slides for the PSA Region 21 Showcase Slide Show to the September meeting.

## Pot Luck

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WACCO has chosen the special slide categories for the next several competitions:

**Fall 2003 General Slide—Domesticated Flowers.** "A cultivated flower such as but not limited to roses, tulips, etc."

**Fall 2003 Nature Slide—Fungi/Mushroom.** "The non-flowering plants subdivision of the Thallophyta which are devoid of chlorophyll, reproduce chiefly by asexual means, and obtain nourishment either as a parasite on living organisms or as a saprophyte on dead organic matter. They include molds, mildews, rusts, mushrooms, and puffballs."

**Spring 2004 General Slide—Weather.** "A condition of the atmosphere with respect to heat or cold, wetness or dryness, calm or storm, clearness or cloudiness." (NOTE: This will also be the category for our Club slide show to be held in March.)

**Spring 2004 Nature Slide—Wild Flower.** "Wild Flowers are NOT cultivated. Cultivated flowers, such as roses and tulips are not eligible for competition in this category, nor are they eligible for the nature division."

## Back to the Basics

Each month we will cover some of the basics of photography. This month we will discuss how to mark your slide and print entries for competition.

### SLIDES:

Mark a "thumbspot" (a dark circle - I like the little 1/4 inch dots I bought at the map store) on the lower left corner of the slide as you view it. (Normally the shiny side of the slide.) On this same side, put the title and the Class and Category codes (depending upon the competition).

On the other side put your name and address. (Tiny return address labels (Avery 5267—1/2 X 1-3/4) work reasonably well. You should

also include your club name for WACCO competitions.

### PRINTS:

The new WACCO rules call for 3 size mats or boards: 8x10, 11x14, and 16x20.

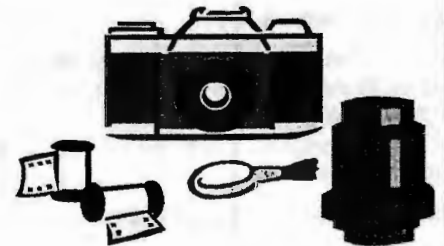
Large prints (color or monochrome) must measure larger than 8x10 and be mounted on the 16x20 mat or board. Small prints can be any size from 3x5 up to 8x10 and must be mounted on either a 8x10 or 11x14 mat or board.

On the back clearly mark your name, address, and print title. Also place a large and dark arrow pointing the 'up' direction for the print. Please make sure that this arrow is

easily visible in the darkened room where these prints are judged.

### OTHER COMPETITION RULES:

Some competitions have rules different than stated here. Read all information that is with the competition announcement to be sure that you follow directions.





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In our September meeting, we discussed some potential topics for this roundtable. Here are three that were selected

- Q&A, plus a short presentation on PhotoShop
- How to travel safely with film.
- Macro flash photography.

Please feel free to bring any other questions you may have to this meeting. Also bring your equipment (and instruction booklets) if you have any questions about your camera, lenses, flash, or any other accessories. We have lots of experienced photographers who will be happy to help.

We will be having a club event on Saturday, October 18, 2003. We have decided to have a day-long photo shoot titled "A

Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls—October 18, 2003". Individual members can take photographs anytime during the 24 hours of the day, but we will meet as a group at 9:00 am and then go out in groups to cover Village events during the day. See more information in "Pot Luck".



Refreshments for this meeting:

- Steve Haynes—sweet
- Virginia Wick—salty
- Bill Freisleben—soda

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*Steve Reyer for having one of his images selected as the April photograph for the Channel 4 Weather Calendar for 2004. Look for the beautiful red and yellow tulips.*

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For the second part of the meeting we will talk about taking holiday photos. With the holidays coming up, we thought that we could exchange tips that will make our photos a bit more interesting.

Also at this meeting, we would like to ask everyone who participated in our "Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls" shoot to bring in your slides and/or prints from that day so we can all see what we have.

## Club News and Future Events

We had 24 members and guests in attendance at our September meeting.

We saw some very nice images that were submitted by our members for the PSA Region 21 Showcase. 7 members had slides selected for the showcase. Our club will be voting on the showcase in our December 2nd meeting.

After the selection of these slides, we saw the International Salon Slide Program.

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There are still a few weeks to enter the Wisconsin Wetlands Association "Wetlands Up-Close" photo contest, which closes October 13, 2003. Photos must be taken in a Wisconsin wetland during the 2003 calendar year. Subjects must be something found in the wetland (no people/portraits or placed objects). The photographer must be no more than 6 feet from the

subject, preferable closer. Images must be 5x7 or 8x10 prints mounted on black or white matte board, or a 35mm slide. For more information and an entry form see their web site:

[www.wiscwetlands.org](http://www.wiscwetlands.org)

Adventure Canada is offering a Harp Seals Photo Tour off of Quebec's Magdalen Islands, March 2-7, 2004. \$2,495 +7% GST (double Occupancy). See their web site for more information.

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The harder you work  
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Oct 4-5: Prairie du Sac. Wollersheim Winery Grape Stomp Festival. Grape stomping, grape spitting contests, Wollersheim Winery. (1-800-847-9463)

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Oct 11: Baraboo Faire on the Square. 150 artisans & crafters, farmers market, live entertainment stages. Courthouse Square (1-608-356-7995)

Oct 11: Ripon Pumpkin Fest. Custom car show, Great Pumpkin Contest, pumpkin decorating & seed spitting contest. Downtown (1-920-748-74660)

Oct 11-12: Washington Island Cider Pressing Party & Fall Festival at the Farm Museum. (1-920-847-2156)

Oct 11-12: Coon Valley Norskedalen's Civil War Heritage Weekend. (1-608-452-3424)

Oct 18: Appleton Romp in the Swamp. Hike on the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve trail system with goodies along the way. (1-920-731-6041)

Oct 18: Manitowoc Owlfest. See and touch the tiny saw-whet owl. Crafts, owl education, nature hikes. Woodland Dunes Nature Center. (1-920-793-4007)

Oct 18-19: Wisconsin Dells Autumn Harvest Fest. Craft fair, farmers market, pumpkin decorating, hayrides. (1-800-223-3557)

Oct 25-26: Sturtevant Apple Holler Halloween Harvest Festival. 50 acres,

apple & pumpkin picking, hay wagon rides, farmyard animals, corn maze. (1-262-886-8500)



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## Pot Luck

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On Saturday, October 18, 2003, members of our club will be participating in a photo shoot we will be calling "A Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls, October, 18, 2003". Any interested members can start shooting pictures at midnight on Friday and can continue shooting until midnight on Saturday. As a group, we will be meeting at 9am on Saturday at the Community Center (where our meetings are held) and will break up into smaller groups of 2 or 3 photographers. We will then decide where each different group will be shooting so that we can try to get a little of everything all over the Village. We will probably meet for lunch to review what we have. You may shoot slides, print, or digital. At our October meeting we will take a few minutes to see how many members are interested in participating in this event, and will then decide what to do with our results.

So mark this day on your calendars, and join us as a group at 9am, or go out by yourself anytime during the 24 hours of the day and see what you can find. Please call Jyoti or Carole if you have any questions or comments about this event.

## Back to the Basics

Each month I will use this column to suggest different photographic exercises that we can use to improve our photographic skills.

This month the exercise will be to take an entire 36-shot roll of the same subject. The objective is to force yourself to see something in that subject that you would normally miss.

To make this a successful exercise, you need to select an appropriate subject. It should be something that interests or intrigues you; it needs to be something complex enough to provide the variety you will need for 36 shots, but not so big that it is not recognizable as the same subject; and it needs to be accessible and stable enough to allow you to take 36 shots.

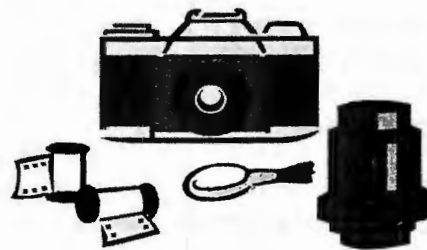
The "rules" of this exercise are:

1. You must take all of the shots during the same session.
2. After every shot, reset all camera settings and move your tripod.
3. Approach the subject from an angle and/or direction and/or distance different than the last shot.
4. You may use a combination of lenses, filters, apertures, shutter speeds, multiple exposures, and other techniques and accessories.

You will most likely find that the first several shots will come quickly. But about half way through the roll, you will be struggling to find a new perspective from which to shoot. Here is where you will have to push your-

self to find something new in your subject, or at least a new way to present it.

Hopefully, when you look at your completed images, you will be pleasantly surprised at the variety of images you can get from a single subject. And perhaps along the way you will have discovered a new way of 'seeing' through your lens.







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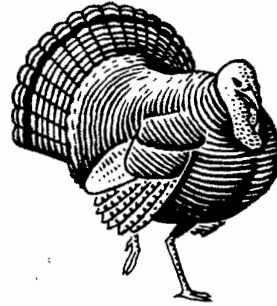
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meeting.) The results will be announced sometime in early 2004, after all of the clubs have had a chance to judge the slides. This is a great opportunity to see what other area photographers are doing. It is also your opportunity to act as a judge for the scoring. The room will be dark



during the judging, so please bring a small flashlight so you can see your score sheet. Also please bring a pen or pencil.

After the judging, we will have our annual holiday snacks and socializing. We will discuss this more during our November meeting.

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Jeff showed a presentation on Photo-shop features. He also gave a short demonstration on macro flash photography. We followed this with a roundtable with questions and comments from the members present.

We had a beautiful day on Saturday, October 18th, for our "Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls" shoot. Several members got out early in the morning, about 5 of us started at 9am, and several more joined us during the day. We had 7 for our 1pm lunch at Pop's, and 8 showed up for our 9pm evening shoot.

At times several of us went together to shoot as a group and sometimes we went on our own. We covered a lot of different activities and locations in the village. We should have some interesting images.

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### FOR SALE:

Manfrotto Bogen aluminum tripod, Model 3221W. Three section legs with dense foam hand warmer grips. Price \$90. (Current new price is \$160 +tax.) Also have a Gitzo cast metal ballhead. Price \$55.00

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Nov 2: WACCO Fall Competition at UW-Waukesha

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Nov 8: Oshkosh Holiday Parade starts at 10am. (920/303-2266)

Nov 8-16: Racine Festival of Trees. 9-day Holiday Festival with a parade on Nov 15th at 4pm. (262/634-6002)

Nov 14-16: LaCrosse Shrine Circus. (608/789-7400)

Nov 21: Tomahawk Free Hunter's Feed. Start off the gun deer hunting season with free venison burgers, soda, chips. Downtown. (800/569-2160)

Nov 21-23: Holiday Folk Fair International at State Fair Park. (800/324-7468)

Nov 22: Milwaukee Holiday Parade starts at 9:30am. (262/377-5935)

Nov 26-30: Oshkosh Festival of Trees: A Christmas wonderland. (920-235-1790)

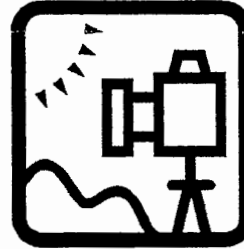
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Nov 28-30: Sheboygan Hmong New Year Celebration. Sheboygan's Hmong community invites the public to share in its culture. (920/458-0808)

Nov 29-Dec 1: Sheboygan Home for the Holidays. Sheboygan wraps up its year-long Sesquicentennial with the annual Jaycee Holiday Parade, and an outdoor skating party. Downtown. (920/457-9495)



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General Slide: Domesticated Flowers

Nature Slide: Fungi/Mushroom

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**Menomonee Falls  
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**Camera Club Notes**

Dues are \$15 Per year (or \$20 for two members living at the same address.)

Dues must be paid to Sandy Berg in November to continue receiving this newsletter.

Thanks

## Pot Luck

In this column, I will be sharing miscellaneous information, interesting facts, and excerpts from photographic articles that I think may be of general interest.

Today I have an excerpt from an article by Timothy Dwight Morton, APSA, that was in the January 2003 PSA Journal.

### How To Keep Enjoying Your Photography

Once in a while, as photographers, we seem to hit the wall! We don't feel that our photography is going anywhere, and we are looking for ways to refresh our enthusiasm. The list below makes some suggestions:

Make sure all your equipment is clean and functioning properly—make any necessary repairs.

Shoot in black and white or color, whichever you do not normally use.

Arrange your photographic files in order—a good thing for a rainy day (and throw out whatever you now think is no good!).

Take your camera everywhere (or at least have a single-use camera in your pocket).

Shoot images of your family—not just the “stand there and say CHEESE” type, but something imaginative and novel.

Do a self-portrait—same applies.

Shoot with a panoramic single-use camera and see the effect.

## Back to the Basics

Each month I will use this column to suggest different photographic exercises that we can use to improve our photographic skills.

This month the exercise is intended to expand your photographic experiences and can help get you out of a creative ‘plateau’.

The basic idea is to put yourself in unfamiliar surroundings and to rely on your intuition and first impressions to shoot pictures. Do not concentrate on the mechanics, like composition, shutter speed, aperture, etc. Just shoot whatever feels right.

To begin, you need to find subjects to shoot that are different from what you normally do. If you normally do close-ups, try doing landscapes. If you normally do nature photogra-

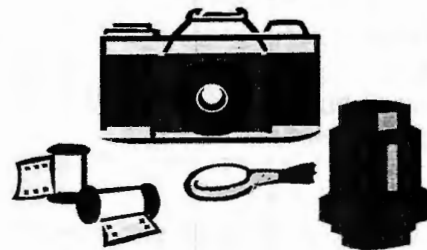
phy, try shooting people or buildings. You get the idea. You need to find unfamiliar subjects to experiment with.

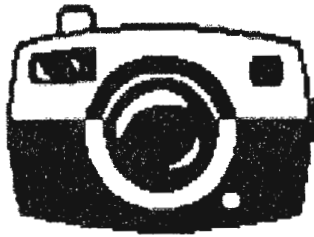
Then pick a time-frame, an hour was suggested in my source. This time limit is important because it will force you to respond to what you see and will not allow you time to do any time-intensive set-up. In the one hour time-frame, you should be able to shoot several rolls of film.

Now that you have chosen your subjects and have selected your time limit, go and shoot. Fill the frame with whatever looks interesting, click the shutter, and move on. Perhaps you may reframe the last shot, or maybe zoom in, or maybe change orientation, or maybe bracket the same shot, or maybe move on to something else interesting.

Let your creative instincts take over and let your mind relax.

When you get your completed images back, arrange them in chronological order and take a critical look to see how your photographic mind works. And perhaps you will have found a new subject that piques your interest enough to try again.





# Camera Club Newsletter

December 2003

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*People with an Interest in the Art of Photography*

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at the Menomonee Falls Community Center, Phone 262-255-8460

## The next meeting will be: Tuesday, December 4th, at 7:00pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2003.

At this meeting our club will be judging the PSA Region 21 Showcase. Everyone has an opportunity to act as a judge for the scoring. The room will be dark during the judging, **so please bring a small flashlight so you can see your score sheet. Also please bring a pen or pencil.**

After the judging, we will have our annual holiday snacks and socializing.

During our holiday socializing we want to take some time to look over members slides and/or prints from our "Day in

the Life of Menomonee Falls— October 18, 2003". We will be putting these prints in the Menomonee Falls Library for exhibition between April 8 and May 8. We would like everyone who shot that day to have one or two entries for the library exhibit. **So we are asking that everyone who participated in that shoot to please bring somewhere between 4 and 6 images, either slide or print or a combination.** Prints can be any size (for now) and do not need to be mounted. As a



club we will review them and try to select which images we'd like to see in our library exhibit. We have until the April meeting to finalize everything, but we thought that we'd like to at least get an idea of the kind of images we have collectively and to start planning the final exhibit.

Refreshments for this meeting:

Club will provide snacks.

All members are asked to bring baked goodies or holiday candy.

Carole will bring soda.

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### Congratulations to ...

*Richard Knisbeck for winning 2 plaques at the Fall WACCO competition:*

*Best of General Slide Division*

*General Slide Best Open*

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## January Meeting

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We are currently tossing around the idea of setting up a table to demonstrate how to mat your prints. We can discuss this more at our December meeting and see if there is enough interest for us to include this at this meeting.

## Club News and Future Events

We had 22 members and guests in attendance at our November meeting.

We had a very busy day viewing and evaluating other members' images.

The prints we selected for the Library exhibit are now hanging in the Library. They will be there until the early part of December. So if you haven't seen them yet, try to get there before the next meeting.

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The Chicago Botanic Garden, working with *North Shore Magazine*, is having a competition beginning September 1 and going through December 31, 2003. Winning images will be exhibited at the Garden and published in *North Shore Magazine* in 2004. Winners will be honored at a reception and awarded a certificate, a one-year Garden membership, and a photography book. Photographs must be taken at the Garden, print images (not digital) must be mailed to be considered, and the original negative, slide, or digital file must be available if your

image is selected for exhibition. This competition is open to both amateur and professional photographers. The categories are as follows:

- Landscape
- Close-up
- People in the Garden
- Experimental
- Undiscovered places in the Garden

See their website for more information and entry forms:

[www.chicagobotanic.org/contest](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/contest)

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### A REMINDER:

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### FOR SALE:

1. Flash: Nikon SB-28 - \$250.00
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3. Flash: Nikon SB-25 - \$175.00
4. Tamron 70-300MM zoom for Nikon Auto-focus (has 1:2 macro mode) - \$125.00
5. Low-Pro camera case backpack - \$40.00
6. Tokina 400mm f5.6 AF lens for Nikon autofocus (very sharp and close focus) - \$195.00

Call Richard Knisbeck at 262/255-1719 if interested.

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Dec 5-7: Spring Green Country Christmas. Gallery hopping, horse-drawn carriage rides, caroling, holiday tour of homes, fireworks. (800/588-2042)

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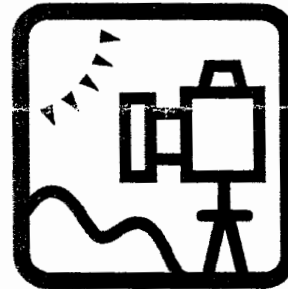
Dec 6-7: Coon Valley Norskedalen's Old Fashioned Christmas. Decorated pioneer log homestead, entertainment, horse-drawn rides. Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center. (608/452-3424)

Dec 11-14: Hurley Red Light Snowmobile Rally. First snowmobile ride of the season. (715/561-4334)

Dec 13: Manitowoc Christmas at Pinecrest Historical Village. Enjoy ethnic & traditional customs, horse-drawn sleigh rides. Pinecrest Historical Village.

(920/684-4445)

Dec 6, 7, 12, 13, 19, 20: Milwaukee County Zoo Holiday Lights featuring the Zoological Society's Winter Wonderland. 6-9pm (414/256-5412)



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Virginia Wick has asked that if anyone has images of Christina from our May 2001, model shoot at Jeff's, could you please bring them in? She has not yet received any prints from that shoot. And that is how we pay our models for these shoots.  
thanks

## Pot Luck

Here is the schedule for our 'Print of the Month' that hangs in the lobby of the Community Center.

Dec '03 - Ken Cina  
Jan '04 - Richard Knisbeck  
Feb '04 - Tom Gentz  
Mar '04 - Kathy Werlein  
Apr '04 - Ed Kolinski  
May '04 - Virginia Wick  
Jun '04 - Jean Sommers  
Jul '04 - Betty Jusak  
Aug '04 - Nancy Graf  
Sep '04 - Jyoti Sengupta  
Oct '04 - Sandy Berg  
Nov '04 - Laura Gorzek  
Dec '04 - Sean Berry  
Jan '05 - Fritz Jusak  
Feb '05 - Don Gorzek  
~~Mar '05 - Tom Launius~~

Please call Bill Rietz if you have any questions about this.

## Back to the Basics

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This month the exercise will demonstrate how the changes in the daylight throughout the day will affect the appearance or 'mood' of the same subject.

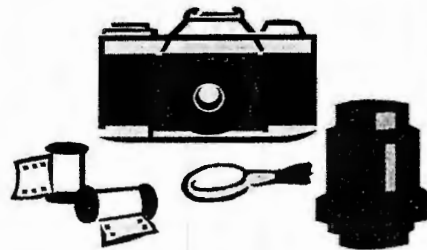
Natural daylight will differ throughout the day, not only depending on the angle of the sun over time, but also by the absence or presence of clouds, haze, fog, and other atmospheric conditions. Photographs shot with daylight rarely look the same twice. Normally a landscape will look better shot early in the morning when the light is soft and warm rather than at midday with a bright sun. How-

ever, on some days, a particular scene may look its best at noon. There is no sure way to predict when the light will be just right for the subject.

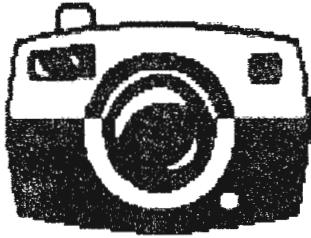
So this month's exercise is to select a scene and shoot pictures throughout the day. Try to select a day where the weather will be variable throughout the day; some sun, some clouds, and even some rain or snow. This will provide you with more variety in your photos. Then select a pleasant scene that is easily accessible. Each shot should show the same subject for comparison, but you certainly can move the horizon to take advantage of an interesting sky. Your goal will be to get at least one shot each hour from before sunrise until

after sunset. Keep track of the time each photograph was taken.

When you get your images back, put them in chronological order and compare what impact the quality and direction of light had on the final photograph. Hopefully you will find something in this exercise to help make your landscapes more interesting.







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**Be sure to bring your camera, a tripod, and plenty of film.**



Please also bring any images from our October 18th "Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls" to share with

the rest of us. See the February Meeting notes for more details.

Refreshments for this meeting:

Sweet: Betty Jusak

Salty: Nancy Graf

Soda: Steve Haynes

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### A big THANKS to all of our members who:

have shared their photographic knowledge with others,

have helped with club meetings and field trips so that the rest of our members can enjoy them,

and have extended the hand of friendship to all of our new members.

Without you, our Club would not be.

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## February Meeting

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We are still working on a speaker for this meeting. We will let you know more at our January meeting.

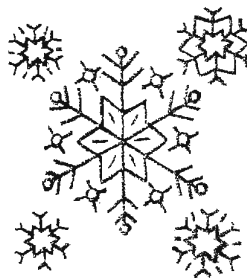
However, at this February meeting we will be making our final selections of prints from our "Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls, October 18, 2003" shoot for exhibition in the library that will be held between April 8 and May 8, 2004. For this meeting, any format is acceptable. However, those images chosen must be mounted on either 11x14 or 16x20. The print

mounted on the 11x14 should be an 8x10 or reasonably close.

For the 16x20 mounts, you may choose one larger print of about 11x14 or two smaller prints if they are related. Bill Rietz will try to put together some samples of the multiple image mounts for review at our January meeting. The final prints will be collected at our April 6th meeting.

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## Club News and Future Events

I forgot to count how many we had in attendance at our December meeting. But those who were there got to see slides from this year's PSA Region 21 Showcase and score other club's slides. We also were treated to some great snacks and desserts. A special thanks to Steve Haynes who picked up our snacks and to all of our members who shared their baking abilities and brought us such great treats.

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The Como Park Zoo and Conservatory (St. Paul, Minnesota) has invited any of our club members to join them for any of their "Camera and Artist Events". These events are held during non-public hours and allow photographers a chance to bring in tripods which normally are not allowed inside the Conservatory. Cost for admission to each of these events is \$5 per person. Here are the dates and times and a brief synopsis of the flowers that will be in the

Sunken Garden at these times.

**Winter Flower Show 2004**, Sunday, Feb 15, 2004, 8-10am: Many shades of pink Azaleas, Ranunculus, Primrose, Cyclamen accented by blues and yellows.

**Spring Flower Show 2004**, Sunday, April 4, 2004, 8-10am: Tulips, Lilies, Daffodils, and Hydrangeas in shades of the season.

**Summer Flower Show 2004**, Wednesdays June 16, 2004 and July 14, 2004, 6:30-9:30pm both days: A parade of annuals in the pinks, blues, yellows, and whites of the summer season. The Japanese Garden will be open during this event.

**Fall Flower Show 2004**, Sunday, November 14, 2004, 8-10am: Chrysanthemums in golds, maroons, rusts and reds, accented by Sunflowers and Grasses.

**Holiday Flower Show 2004**, Sunday, December 19, 2004, 8-10am: Poinsettias (colors unknown at this time).

Call 1-612/487-8240 if you are interested. For those of our members who have the luxury of spending a few days on a photographic tour, this looks very interesting.

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For those of you who attended and enjoyed George Lepp's seminar here are few years ago, you may be interested to know that he has just completed his latest book, "Golden Poppies of California". The publication date is February 20, 2004, but some web sites are accepting pre-publication orders.

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Jan 3-4: Solon Springs Empire Sled Dog Races. Several races and "recreation class" race Saturday afternoon. (718/466-4025)

Jan 10-18: Eagle River World Championship Snowmobile Derby. The world's premier snowmobile racing event. (715/479-4424)

Jan 17: Frederic Sleigh & Cutter Parade. Horse-drawn sleighs and cut-

ters, draft horses and ponies, drivers in period costumes. (715/327-4955)

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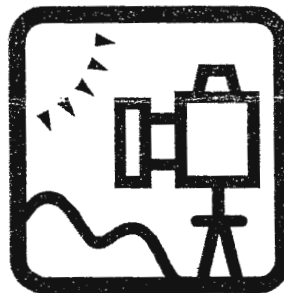
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Jan 25: Wisconsin Rapids Port Edwards Lions Fisheree. Ice fishing contest. (715/886-5253)

Jan 31-Feb 1: Madison Kites on Ice. A colorful winter kite festival. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center (608/850-4900)

Feb 4-8: Lake Geneva Winterfest & US National Snow Sculpting Competition. 15 3-member teams sculpt 10 foot blocks of snow. Judging is Saturday from noon to 2pm. Also ice sculpting, balloon rides, and more. (800/345-1020)

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Our 2nd Annual Club Slide Show is coming up this March. Our topic this year is "Weather". We will be collecting members' slides at our February meetings. So start looking through your slides for examples of rain, snow, clouds, sunny weather, lightening, drought, etc.

## Pot Luck

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The Chamber of Commerce needs to get our commitment to this project by January 9th. So think about it and come to our January meeting prepared to discuss this.

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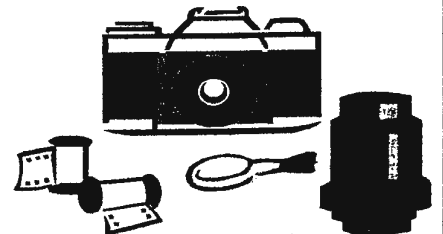
Ice can transform the mundane into the magical. Look for the hoar frost on trees and shrubs. Look for interesting patterns that form on shallow ponds as the water freezes into ice. Look for the different shapes icicles take as they form from the melting water off the end of eaves. The shoreline of Lake Michigan offers us a variety of locations to search for interesting ice formations. And don't forget the myriad of rivers and creeks that we have in our commu-

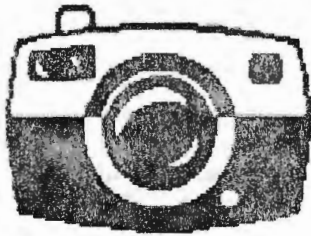
nities. All of these locations can provide us with opportunities for capturing images of ice.

However, trying to photograph ice can present some exposure challenges. When the ice is mainly white, like what you will find by our lake and rivers, the default in-camera exposure meters want to underexpose the scene and may cause the ice to appear gray in the final image. In order to keep the ice white in your photograph, you will want to increase your exposure at least a half stop, or maybe even a full stop if the light is bright. You may also want to consider using bracketing in order to raise your chances of getting the image you have in mind. You will not have this exposure issue with clear ice, like that in icicles or shallow ponds.

Shooting these is closer to shooting glass. You may or may not have reflected images, depending on the clarity of the ice, the intensity of the light, and the angle of your lense.

When you go out shooting ice, remember that the cold can affect your camera just like it affects you. Try to keep both your camera and batteries warm. You may want to wear them next to your body, inside your jacket, when you are not shooting in order to protect them from the cold.





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February 2004

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This will be a very busy meeting.

First, two women from A&S Framing will be demonstrating how to mount prints. Jeff will have some 8x10 mat-board available for anyone wishing to bring in 4x6 or 5x7 prints to be mounted.

Then we will be making our final print selections for the Library from our "Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls, October 18, 2003" shoot. For this selection, the prints need not be mounted, but should be printed in

the same size that will be exhibited. The exhibition will run from April 8th to May 8th. We will be collecting the final mounted prints at our April 6th meeting. So those prints selected at this meeting need to be mounted and returned by April 6th.

Also at this February meeting, we will be collecting slides for our 2nd Annual Member Slide Show that will be shown at our March meeting. The topic for this show is "WEATHER". We will accept as many slides from our members as they'd

care to share with us. We'd like to have a total of about 160 in all. This is about what we had last year and the show ran just about the right length.



Then if we have time, Jeff will give us a few hints about shooting the flowers in the Domes at our February field

trip. See information inside.

Refreshments for this meeting:

- Sweet: Jyoti Sengupta
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**Bring enlargements of prints from "A Day in the Life of Menomonee Falls, October 18, 2003" for final selection for our library exhibition.**

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**Thanks**

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the February meeting. Several club members will be arranging the slides and selecting the accompanying music. Last year's show was great; we will try to do as well this year.

After our member show, Nancy Greifenhagen has volunteered to show us her slide show tentatively titled

"On the Ranch".



We will hopefully have some time during this meeting to discuss more about the cooperative effort between our club and the Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce to develop a 2005 calendar. Please see the "Pot Luck" column for more information.

## Club News and Future Events

We had lots of members at our January meeting for our annual table-top shoot. With all of the great set-ups provided by Don Gorzek and Jeff Klug and all of the props brought by the members, we all had lots of fun arranging the various props and photographing them. Club members, please bring in your shots and share with others in the club.

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The Wisconsin News Photographers Association convention will be held on February 27 & 28 at the Hotel Metro in Milwaukee. For more information call Mark Hoffman at 414/224-2000 or check out [www.wnponline.com](http://www.wnponline.com)

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6742)

Feb 14-15: Eagle River Klondike Days. 1800's winter voyageur encampment and fur trade rendezvous, lumberjack competition, snow sculpting. (800/359-6315)

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The last club that scored the PSA Region 21 Slide Showcase did that on Saturday, December 13th. Results should be available by the time of our February meeting with the slides returned shortly after that.

**Menomonee Falls  
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Steven Haynes has set up a Club **field trip to the Domes** for Saturday, February 7th. Those who wish to carpool should meet at the K-Mart parking lot on Appleton Avenue at 8:45am. If you do not wish to carpool, you may drive directly there.

There is a \$4.50 entrance fee. Tripods are allowed. The show is the holiday show with large gauge model trains. There should be lots of opportunities for us.

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Last month, I talked about photographing ice in winter. To follow up with this theme, this month I will share with you some tips to keep warm and safe while shooting outside in the winter. The 4 keys to keeping warm in cold weather are:

1. **Keep moisture away from your skin.** Your first layer of clothing next to your skin should 'wick' perspiration away to keep you dry. Silk or Polypropylene long underwear are your best choices.
2. **Trap your body heat in layers of clothes.** Your next layer should trap your body heat and not let it escape. Here you need breathable fabrics that will keep you warm even they get wet. Polar fleece or wool are your best choices. Cotton

or denim are your worst choices; they will not retain your body warmth and will provide zero protection when wet.

3. **Keep wind away from your body.** Your outer layer should be a wind and water resistant jacket. Make sure that the jacket has cuffs to keep out the wind. The longer the jacket, the more it will protect you. In extremely cold weather you will also want wind and water resistant pants. I've found that a good pair of wool hunting pants and silk long underwear will keep me comfortable outside all day.
4. **Cover your extremities.** Feet: same first and second layers as your body, and then waterproof and insulated boots are a must. I buy my winter boots a half size too big so that I can wear heavy wool socks. Head: cover with a heavy wool hat or cap and make sure that

your ears are covered. Hands: mittens are warmer than gloves, but you can't operate a camera with mittens. I often wear a pair of light weight gloves covered by a pair of sheepskin mittens. My hands stay warm and I can take off the mittens when I need to and still have something covering my fingers. Another choice is hunting gloves with no fingertips that have a 'half-mitten' that covers the fingers.

I hope that this will help some of you try winter photography.







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We need them by this meeting in order to prepare them for the display starting on April 8th. If you cannot get them in at our March meeting, please make arrangements with Don Gorzek to get them to him as soon as possible.

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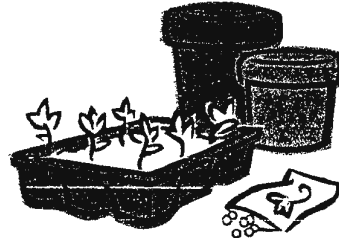
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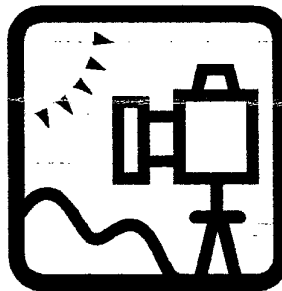
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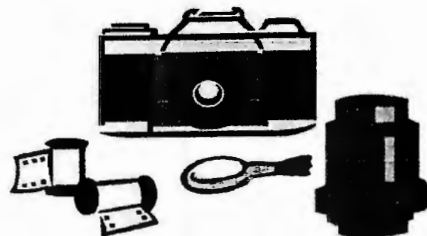
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to your favorite spot to photograph. For this exercise, you need to shoot between 4 and 6 photographs of the same subject. Set up the initial shot just like you normally would do, and take the picture. Then try to get closer and closer with each of the next shots. You can do this by moving closer or by using a longer lense.

Try to figure out what is the most interesting part of the last frame you took, and then try to make that your point of interest. Sometimes we are so used to seeing familiar things that we don't really take time to look at them. This exercise will encourage us to really look at the details within our frame and often we can find things that we did not see before.

If you start out with a small subject, like a single flower, your final image may end up being only part of a flower or a colorful abstract. If you start out with a landscape, seascape, or other 'scape', you may end up with a single plant, an interesting wave, or something else totally unexpected.

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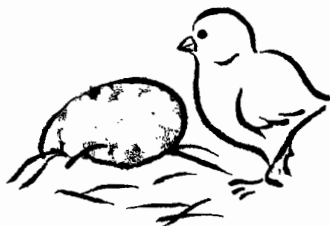
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**Menomonee Falls  
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**Camera Club Notes**

At our March meeting we discussed the interest in having a Third Annual Club Slide Show next year. The topics we are looking at are "**Locomotion**" - anything that moves people—cars, trains, planes, bikes, or parts of them, like wheels, hood ornaments, headlights, etc., and "**Architecture**" - buildings, bridges, fences, or parts of them, like doors, windows, stairs, etc.

If there is enough interest, we may very well have two slide shows next year. So get out and start shooting.

## Pot Luck

Our club will be partnering with the Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce to showcase the Menomonee Falls community through the publication of a 2005 calendar.

What is needed:

- 1) Several photographs for the Tourism Committee to choose from depicting the four seasons, highlighting some of the village's picturesque settings throughout the year.
- 2) Slides or prints are acceptable, although the company printing the calendars would prefer 2x2 transparencies.
- 3) A brief bio of each of the photographers to be printed on the back of the calendar.
- 4) Pictures will be selected by the Tourism Committee.
- 5) Deadline: **June 1, 2004** if we use pictures from our Oct 18th "Day in the Life ..." shoot and others from our archives. Or **July 15, 2004**, if other images need to be photographed.

We have decided that we do want to do this, but we have not yet decided if we want to do "A Day in the Life..." or a normal seasonal calendar. Look through any shots of the village you may have at home and we can further discuss these options at a future meeting.

## Back to the Basics

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This month the exercise will be to experiment with shooting during or shortly after it rains.

Most of us are comfortable outside shooting when it is sunny and warm, but bad weather presents interesting opportunities that we cannot get when the weather is nice. And with the coming spring season, we always get plenty of rainy days to play with.

Heavy rain is difficult to deal with because it can be hard to keep the rain off your camera equipment. But during lighter rains, or when you can find a shelter out of

the rain, you can fairly easily keep the raindrops away from your lens.

Prepare for this rainy-day shoot by scouting out scenic or interesting locations. Look for potential shelters: park shelters, building overhangs, etc. Then when the rain starts, grab your equipment and head for your chosen spot. Or you can plan on going out after the rain is over.

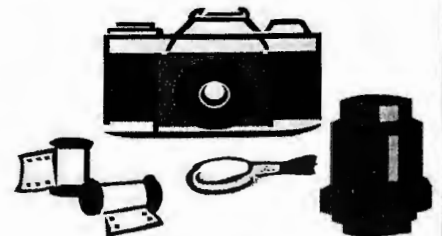
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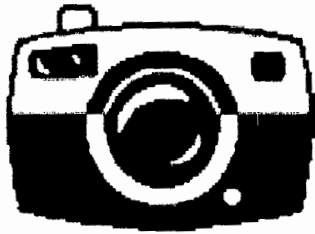
When shooting after the rain, look for droplets on plants, windows, or

anything that was out during the rain. Look for kids playing in the puddles. The rain will wash the dust from the air and make everything seem clearer. Try to capture the 'just-washed' feeling in the air.

And when you return from your rainy-day shoot, be sure to wipe down all of your equipment before you pack it away.

I hope this give you some ideas for trying something new.





# Camera Club Newsletter

May 2004

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*People with an Interest in the Art of Photography*

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## The next meeting will be: Tuesday, May 4th, at 6:00pm.

Our May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2004. This meeting will be held at Jeff's studio, Klug's Photo World, located at 4230 Hwy 167, Hubertus.

[www.klugsphotoworld.com](http://www.klugsphotoworld.com)

You can get there by taking Appleton Avenue up to Hwy 167, then turn west and drive for about 5 minutes or so. His studio is on the north side of 167, just a little bit west of a large church. There are places for a few cars next to his studio, but there is more parking

right past the driveway, by a larger red barn.

We will be starting as early as 6pm for those of you who would like to show up early. We will have a vintage automobile for outside shots as long as the light lasts. We also will have at least 2 live models at last count. Jeff will be setting up a "high-key", all white, setup. The models are being asked to bring white clothing, but may be switching to colored outfits part way through.



Bring your camera, lots of film, and your tripod if you wish. Jeff is hoping that his new Art Gallery will be open by this time, so we will have a chance to be some of the first people to

tour it.

Refreshments for this meeting:

- Sweet: Lynn Drum
- Salty: Carole Bailey
- Soda: Richard Knisbeck

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Currently Jyoti is taking charge of our snack paper products. We need to find a new member who would be willing to take charge of our paper products and bring them in for each meeting. Please see Jyoti if you are willing to assume this duty for our club.

## Club News and Future Events

We had about 25 members at our April meeting for the demonstration on how to shoot live models put on by Jeff. It was very interesting. Jeff gave us some good tips to get better shots at our June model shoot.

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The Chicago area Camera Clubs Association is sponsoring a 2-day seminar on May 15-16, 2004, titled

"Optimizing the Possibilities—Tips and Techniques" featuring George Lepp, nature photographer and author. It will be held in Forest View High School in Arlington Heights, IL. The seminar runs from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 9am to 4:30pm on Sunday. Two day tickets cost \$95, single day tickets \$65 if purchased by May 5th. For questions call Pat Wadecki (847-541-8255) or email at [wadeckip@earthlink.net](mailto:wadeckip@earthlink.net)

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SWMCCC is being held the last weekend in July again this year in Michigan. Their web site is [www.swmccc.org](http://www.swmccc.org) for those who are interested.

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May 1-31: Door County Festival of Blossoms. Activities and nature throughout the month. (800-527-3529)

May 1: Eagle Early Morning Bird Walk. Join experienced ornithologists on a guided bird walk. Continental breakfast. Reservations required. Old World Wisconsin. (262/594-2922)

May 1-2: Baraboo Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club Swap Meet & Flea Market. (608/846-4870)

May 1-2: Brookfield Civil War Days: Reenactment at the Dousman Stagecoach Inn. (262/784-0857)

May 1-2: Horicon Marsh Melodies—Native American Heritage. A variety

of exhibits, activities and tours focusing on local Native American History. (800/937-9123)

May 7-10: Horicon March Melodies—Horicon March Bird Festival. This is expected to be the peak of the spring bird migration. (920/387-7860)

May 14-15: Sheboygan Rockets for Schools. Students from throughout the Midwest launch rockets along the city's lakefront under the supervision of military and civilian rocket experts. (920/458-6299)

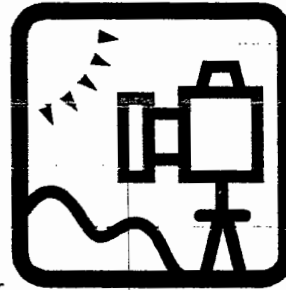
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May 15: Fort McCoy 2004 Armed Forces Day Open House. Military equipment displays, tours, and more. Photo ID required for all adults. (608/388-2407)

May 22-23: Greenbush Sawmill Days. Local craftsmen demonstrate old-time woodworking techniques. See the sawmill's 1860's mechanism in action. Wade House (920/526-3271)

May 23-24: Green Bay Heritage Hill State Park - WWII Re-enactment. See Allied and German army camps, demonstrations and a battle scenario. (800/721-5150) -no tri-pods allowed.

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## WACCO / PSA News

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The Spring WACCO competition was held on Saturday, April 3rd. Our club members won lots of honorable mention ribbons, and Nancy Greifenhagen won a plaque for her

image of a white horse. Channel 6 News showed the winning images on their 10pm weather during the week of April 12th.

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## Pot Luck

I discovered a Wildflower Blooming Guide that I got through another Camera Club I belong to and thought I'd share it with you this month.

May 1-15: Marsh Marigold

May 15-30: Shooting Star, Puccoon, Birdsfoot Violet, Blue-eyed Grass, Yellow Star Grass, Indian Paintbrush, Lousewort

June 1-15: Lupine, Wild Iris

June 15-30: Wild Indigo, Coreopsis, Wild Rose, Spiderwort, Solomon's Seal

July 1-15: Indian Plantain, Prairie Phlox, Black-eyed Susan, Prairie White Fringed Orchid, Prairie Clover

July 15-30: Sunflowers, Nodding Onion, Milkweed, Wild Bergamot

August 1-15: Great Lobelia, Gayfeather, Swamp Thistle

August 15-31: Gentians, Blazing Star, Ladies' Tresses Orchid, Asters, Grass of Parnassus

For those of you interesting in shooting wildflowers, I hope this helps.

## Back to the Basics

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This month the exercise will be to experiment with shooting abstract photographs.

An abstract image is not an image of an entire object, but is instead your interpretation of a portion of that object. You need to emphasize form, color, and composition. The actual subject is no longer relevant. You will have to look at what you are seeing in a whole new way.

There are several ways to achieve this abstraction, but my 3 favorites are:

1) Isolate only one aspect of the

whole subject.

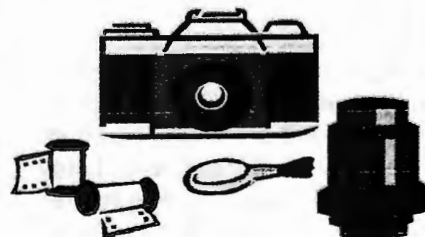
- 2) Enlarge a small area of the subject, thereby making the subject almost unrecognizable.
- 3) Emphasize the design, texture, color, or contrast of the subject and ignore the context.

A truly 'abstract' image will cause the viewer to ask "What is this?" It will require the viewer to look beyond the recognizable and become actively involved in interpreting the image. Some viewers enjoy the challenge and beauty in an abstract image; and others will not like what they do not recognize.

Your challenge this month is to take a roll of film and go out and shoot a full roll of different abstract images. When a subject catches

your interest, look at it closer and try to identify all of the separate components. Remember, you are looking for interesting form, color, design or texture, not content. Feel free to experiment with double exposures, out of focus shots, long exposures while zooming your lens, filters, or any other techniques that will produce an interesting abstract image.

I hope you have fun looking at the world in this usual way.





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5 of our club members who placed in the top 25 slides in the PSA Region 21 Club Showcase in 2003:

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May 31: Omro Memorial day car Show. More than 200 cars on display. (920/685-5188)

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June 4-6: Medford North Central Rodeo Days. Horse & tack sale; rodeo each day. (888/682-9567)

June 5: Milwaukee Highland Games/ Scottish Fest. Bagpipe bands, Highland dancing, Scottish food, unique athletic events. Heidelberg Park. (414/422-9235)

June 5-6: Cedarburg Stone & Century House Tour. Self guided tour of several historic residences in or near Cedarburg. A rare opportunity to see their interiors and gardens. (800/237-2874)

June 6: State Parks Open House. One-day only no charge for admission to state parks, forests, recreation areas and trails. (608/266-2181)

June 6: Visitor Appreciation Day: Wisconsin's historic sites offer \$2 admission (does not include Circus World in Baraboo) (608/264-6586)

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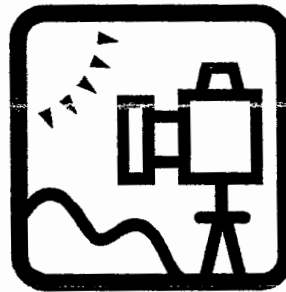
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June 20: Chippewa Falls French Annual Tubing Float and Regatta-FatFar. Worlds largest tubing and float event. Over 5000 people float down the Chippewa River. (888/723-0024)

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**Camera Club Notes**

**PSA Region 21 Club  
Showcase—2004**

Our club came in 2nd out of 13 clubs. And 5 of our members' slides placed in the top 25.

We need to keep up our good record. Start preparing now for the 2004 showcase. Slides need to be submitted by September 30, 2004. So we will need to have our internal club selection at our September, 2004, meeting.

## Pot Luck

Ed Kolinski has put together an exciting field trip for members of the Wehr Nature Center Club on Saturday, June 5th, 2004. Their club has invited members of Menomonee Falls Camera Club to join them. Here is the itinerary:

**8:00am Gather at Brookfield Square Mall**, south side of Sears, to form car pools

Drive to **Madison Arboretum** (free admission, tripods allowed)

Lunch in Verona

Tour of **Cave of the Mounds** (does have an admission fee, depending on how many in our group)

**Barneveid Botham Vineyards & Winery** tour, followed by wine tasting

Stop at privately-owned, **1850's waterwheel** outside of Barneveid

Tour of the **International Mustard Museum** in Mr. Horeb (free admission)

**Return to Brookfield Square**

This could prove to be a very busy and interesting day. Please call Ed (262/251-6041) if you plan on attending

## Back to the Basics

Each month I will use this column to suggest different photographic exercises that we can use to improve our photographic skills.

This month the exercise will be to shoot from different points of view than what you are used to. When we are usually out shooting, we tend to set up our tripods and put our camera at eye-level and then shoot our subject. We sometimes will tilt the camera lens down to catch a flower or plant, and sometimes will tilt the lens up to catch a building or something in the sky. But in most cases our final image will be what we normally will see when we are out. But how often do we get down on our knees or lay on the ground to shoot something above us? Or how often do

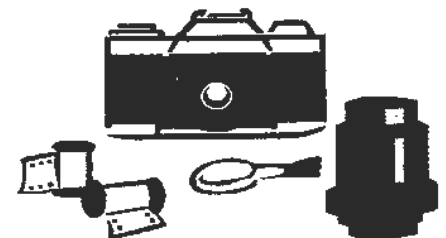
we climb up on a ladder or up a hill to shoot something below us? Well this month's exercise is to do exactly that.

The next time you are out taking pictures try to find different points of views to shoot from. Look at your subject from all points of view - all sides, from the top, and from the bottom. This will give you a different perspective, not only of your subject, but also how the light and shadows play differently from different vantage points. You may find something interesting that you did not see initially.

Try laying on the ground under a tree or next to a building and shooting straight up. Try climbing a tree or standing up on a rock or sturdy fence and shoot downwards

towards your subject. Try sitting on the ground to shoot cars, trucks, trains, etc.

All of these types of techniques should provide interesting and unusual ways of interpreting what we see. And isn't that what we, as photographers, are supposed to do? Show our audience our unique interpretations of our everyday world.



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July 3: Menomonee Falls Independence Day Parade & Fireworks. Parade starts at 7pm from Elm Street down Appleton Ave south. Fireworks at dusk at Menomonee Falls High School. (262/255-0294)

July 4: Eagle 1876 Independence Day Celebration at Old World Wisconsin. (262/594-6300)

July 4: Sheboygan Great Cardboard Boat Regatta. Noon—3pm.

(920/458-6144)

July 9-11: Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet. (715/445-4000)

July 17: Madison Paddle & Portage Canoe Race through the downtown area. (608/255-1008)

July 17-18: Menomonee Falls Civil War Encampment at Old Falls Village. (262/532-4775)

July 23-25: Hayward Lumberjack World Championships. (715/634-2484)

July 27-Aug 2: Oshkosh EAA AirVenture. (800/236-4800)

July 30-31: Cedar Grove Holland Festival. Dutch celebration featuring street scrubbing, klompen dancing, wooden show races. (920/457-9495)

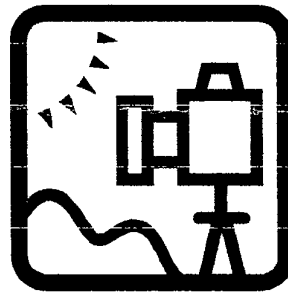
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Aug 21-22: Greenbush Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. (920/526-3271)

Aug 21-22: Iola Vintage Military & Gun Show. (715/445-4005)

Aug 27-29: Wisconsin Rapids Balloon Rally. 20-30 balloons, flights on Fri pm, Saturday, and Sunday am. Night glows Fri and Sat evenings. (715/325-1802)



## WACCO / PSA News

WACCO (Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization) is comprised of 17 Camera Clubs throughout Wisconsin. They hold two state-wide competitions a year. Jeff Klug and Bill Reitz are our WACCO representatives.

WACCO's web site address for more information is:

[www.wisc-camera.org](http://www.wisc-camera.org)

The Fall WACCO competition will be sometime in early November. The date has not yet been chosen. The Special Categories

that were proposed in a WACCO committee meeting in August 2003 for the Fall 2004 competition are:

General Slide: Tabletop

Nature: Birds

Final information about this competition should be available in August or September.

PSA (Photographic Society of America) is an organization of individuals, camera clubs, and businesses. Our club is a mem-

ber; Bill Rietz is our contact. PSA's web site for news and information on events is:

[www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

PSA publishes a monthly photographer's magazine titled PSA Journal. The cost of an individual membership, which includes the magazine, is \$45/year. Let Bill know if you'd be interested in joining. He can provide you with information about PSA and a membership application.

**Menomonee Falls  
Recreation Department**

**Camera Club Notes**

**PSA Region 21 Club  
Showcase—2004**

Our club came in 2nd out of 13 clubs in 2003. And 5 of our members' slides placed in the top 25.

We need to keep up our good record. Start preparing now for the 2004 showcase. Slides need to be submitted by September 30, 2004. So we will need to have our club selection at our meeting on September 7, 2004.

## Pot Luck

At our July meeting we will be selecting the slides and prints for the 2005 Calendar we are working on with the Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce to showcase the community.

We are doing a 'seasonal' calendar, so images from all seasons are desirable. We need to have about 36 images available for the Tourism Committee to choose from. They have said that they prefer 2x2 slide format, but will accept print format.

They have also asked for a brief bio of each photographer. So start working on your bio. It should contain such information as:

- Name
- How long interested in photography
- Favorite Subjects
- Any awards, previously published images, etc.

Please bring your images and bio to this July meeting. We have to get the images and bio to the Chamber of Commerce folks by July 15th.

This is a great chance for us to showcase our club and its members. So please look through your images made in Menomonee Falls and bring them to this meeting.

## Back to the Basics

Each month I will use this column to suggest different photographic exercises that we can use to improve our photographic skills.

With the 4th of July coming up, I thought I'd share an article I found on [www.takegreatpictures.com](http://www.takegreatpictures.com) with you. Here is an excerpt:

Photographs of fireworks are spectacular, colorful, and fairly easy to do once you know the tricks. For best results, you will need: an SLR camera, tripod, cable release, 1-2 rolls of film, a long lens, and plenty of patience. Since you don't know exactly when the fireworks will explode, and you are aiming to capture their trails, you will need to hold the camera shutter open for 2-30 seconds. Compact cameras don't offer this long exposure feature so you will need an SLR camera with a manual exposure mode called 'Bulb'

To get sharp images, you must keep

the camera perfectly still. Propping your camera on a wall, car-top or table may suffice, but nothing beats a good, solid tripod. You'll also need a cable release to activate the shutter without touching and moving the camera.

Despite the low light, the best film is actually slow film as it holds stronger colors. Use 50 or 100-speed print film.

Waterfront settings are good as you can include the reflections of the fireworks in your shot. Cityscapes, landmarks, or people add context to the shot, but remember that they'll come out as silhouettes, so don't include faces or other details. High viewpoints, upwind from the smoke, are usually best. Get there early to secure your spot and select a lens (usually a telephoto) that will fill the frame with trails. Use the first burst to focus the lens (don't rely on your 'infinity' set-

ting).

To photograph the fireworks, open the shutter. That's it. Shoot off a whole roll of film to get a few good shots. Try different apertures (f8 is the safest) and different zoom settings. Include only a few bursts to fill up the frame; too many will look messy. To reduce the effect of street lighting, cover the lens between bursts with your hand, a black card, or a black cap.

Have fun!!

